

# May Expand Production At Arsenal

Despite the fact that production of ammonium nitrate liquid at the Joliet Arsenal for use in fertilizer is keeping pace with the schedule of 25,500 tons a month, there is a need for more of the product, it was reported today by department of agriculture officials in Washington, D. C.

It is expected that with an increased need for the product, there may be an expansion of operations at all plants thruout the country. This suggests that Joliet Arsenal activities may be increased considerable before July, 1948, depending on congressional appropriations.

**OFFICIALS** at the Joliet Arsenal and Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants reported today that the production schedule is being met. The process at the arsenal is the second stage in manufacture of the fertilizer. Contractor here is the Du Pont company.

After being made here, the liquid is sent to plants at Burlington, Ia., and the Nebraska Ordnance works at Fremont for the graining process.

The agriculture department filed a report entitled "The Fertilizer Situation for 1947-48". The report was presented to the house agriculture subcommittee holding hearings on fertilizer production and distribution. The fertilizer year began July 1.

**ACCORDING** to the Associated Press, the report said that farmers thruout the world need far more fertilizer than they are getting this year. It added that the U. S. is the largest producer, importer and user of nitrogen in the world and now uses more than twice as much nitrogenous fertilizer as before the war. It said all nitrogen being shipped from the U. S. is produced by the army in government owned plants.